

REMARKS

It is noted that the claims as on file are from an era when not all the claims had to be listed with each amendment of the claims so that there is no contiguous listing of the claims on file. It was thought therefore to be expedient to cancel all the claims 1 - 24 and provide a new listing of claims 25 - 44.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature that the slide unit 18 includes a slide guide structure (30, 31) and slide elements (32, 33) which are movable in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle along the slide guide structure (30, 31), and the slide guide structure (30, 31) includes stops (45, 46) provided with openings (450, 460) and extending into the path of movement of the slide elements (32, 33) and that the slide elements (32, 33) have support pins (322, 332) extending into the openings (450, 460) when the slide elements (32, 33) are moved into engagement with the stops (45, 46) for force- and form locking connection of the slide elements (32, 33) with the slide guide structure (30, 31). This feature is described on page 14, line 16 - page 15, line 6, and shown in Figs. 1, 4, 6, 8 for example. The particular feature was included originally in claims 12 - 14 but the details thereof were ignored by the Examiner.

This ~~feature~~ particular feature as now included in claim 25 is clearly novel and is not suggested by any of the cited references. It is also noted that the corresponding European application has been issued under patent No. EP 1 162 111 with the limitations like those introduced herewith in the present application.

Now new feature has been introduced in any of the newly submitted claims 25 - 44. The dependent claims are all directed to features considered to be advantageous in connection with the present invention as defined in amended claim 25. And since the dependent claims all depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 they all include the features of amended claims 25 so that they should be patentable already for that reason.

Reconsideration of claims 25 - 44 is requested and allowance of claims 25 - 44 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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